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PRESS RELEASE

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 1-17-02 1130 HRS
DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 1-17-02 0715 HRS
NATURE OF CALL: Fatal Accident Involving Sheriff's Prisoner Transport Van
LOCATION OF CALL: I-80 at Laing Road, Emigrant Gap
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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

UPDATE

On January 17, 2002, at 7:15 a.m., a Placer County Sheriff's transport van was involved in an accident on Interstate 80 at Laing Road. The van, driven by Deputy Craig Haskell, with inmates Gary Lee Williams, 53, Amir Shiringoharian, 33, and Rachel D. Langsdale, was en route to the Sheriff's Tahoe Substation for the inmates' court appearances later today.

Williams, of Kings Beach, was declared dead at the scene. Shiringoharian, from Santa Barbara, was airlifted to Sutter Roseville Medical Center where he's reported as alert and conscious and undergoing testing to determine the extent of his injuries. Langsdale, of Kings Beach, was transported by ambulance to Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital and is also undergoing testing.



Deputy Haskell was not injured in the accident.

An autopsy on the deceased inmate is scheduled for Friday morning.

The California Highway Patrol is investigating the accident. Questions regarding details surrounding the cause and circumstances of the accident are being referred to the Gold Run CHP.

Williams's booking photograph is available at the sheriff's website

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